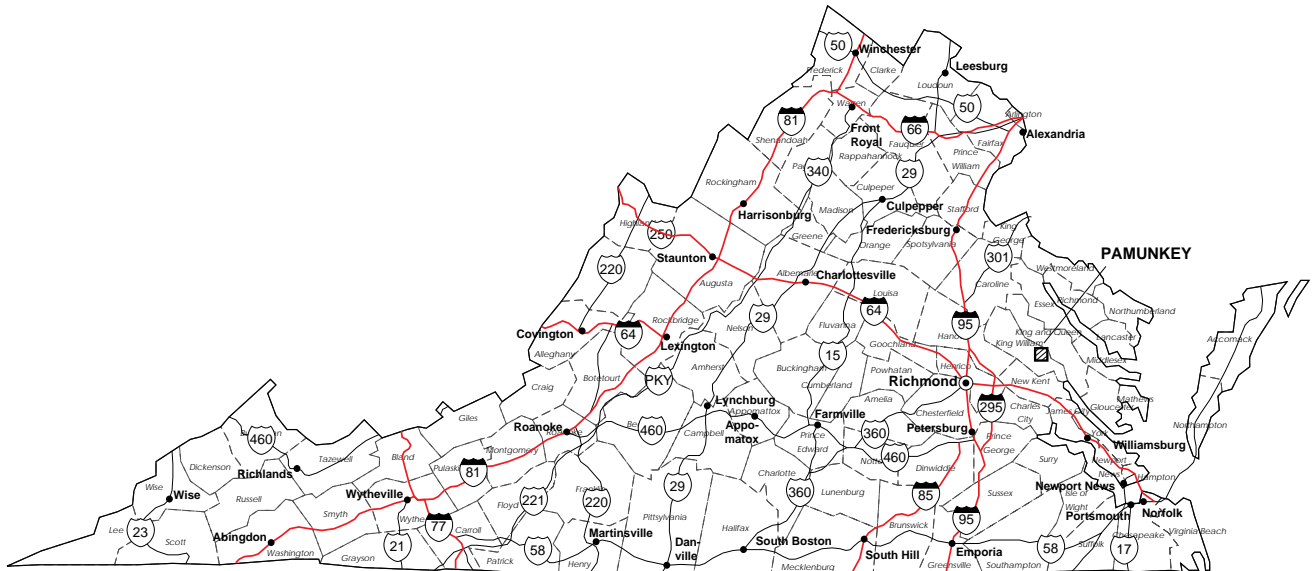


VIRGINIA



Chickahominy Indian Tribe

State recognized
Chickahominy
Charles City County, Virginia

Chickahominy Indian Tribe
8200 Lott Cary Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 829-2186

Tribally owned	125
State Trust	0
Tribal members (tribe, 1995)	750 -1,000

LOCATION AND LAND STATUS

The Chickahominy Indian Tribe purchased a 225-acre farm in Charles City County—an area encompassing some of their aboriginal lands. Tribal lands are located between the Chickahominy and James Rivers. The tribe divided the farm into 5-acre parcels and encouraged its members to purchase these homesites. The division of the farm into homesites also successfully promoted a sense of community, which remains strong today. The 5-acre parcels are privately owned by tribal members and are not considered allotments. The remaining 125-acre farm is leased to a private farmer. While the tribe was recognized by the state of Virginia in 1983, the tribe prefers to keep the farm as a tribal asset, rather than have it put into trust.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

In 1995, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe began seeking recognition from the federal government. At the time of this writing, the tribe was beginning to compile the documents needed for its case.

GOVERNMENT

Tribal members elect their government officials every four years. The chief, two assistant chiefs, and the ten-member council volunteer their time to serve their constituents. The council has five male representatives and five female representatives.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The tribe owns a 125-acre farm, which it leases to a private farmer. The income from the farm rent is enough to cover property taxes. Crops rotated on the farm include: soybeans, corn, milo, barley, wheat, oats, and rye. Many members used to make their living farming, but have since found employment in the manufacturing sector.

GOVERNMENT AS EMPLOYER

The fourteen elected officials volunteer their time to the tribe. The tribe has no employees.

FORESTRY

Ten years ago the tribe harvested maple and oak trees, but does not plan to harvest any remaining forested area in the near future.

SERVICES

One member owns a local grocery store and another operates a service station.

TOURISM AND RECREATION

The tribe hosts an annual pow wow during the last weekend of September. The pow wow is held on the grounds of the tribal center located in Providence Forge.

TRANSPORTATION

Three members own trucking companies.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Major airlines fly into the Richmond International Airport. Bus service is also available in Richmond. UPS and Federal Express deliver to Providence Forge. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through Charles County.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The tribal center was built in 1976 and is located on 11 acres of the tribal land. It has a large meeting room, with a seating capacity of 250 persons and a kitchen. The tribe's church, the Samaria Baptist Church, and the baseball field are also situated next to the center.

Electric power is provided by Virginia Power. Homes are heated with oil. More than 200 homes use individual septic tanks and wells.

Eastern Chickahominy Tribe

State recognized

Eastern Chickahominy Tribe
12111 Indian Hill Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Monacan Indian Tribe

State recognized

Monacan Indian Tribe
Rt. 1, Orchard Hills
Monroe, VA 2454

Nansemond Indian Tribe

State recognized

Nansemond Indian Tribe
3429 Galberry Road
Chesapeake, VA 23323

Pamunkey Indian Tribe

State reservation

King William County, Virginia

Pamunkey Indian Tribe
Route 1, Box 2220
King William, VA 23086

United Rappahannock Tribe

State recognized

Rappahannock County, Virginia

United Rappahannock Tribe
HCR 2, Box 7
Indian Neck, VA 23148